

# Royal Holloway - Languages for All

## Japanese for Beginners I Course

**Duration:** 2 terms, 10 weeks per term, 40 hours of tuition.

**Materials:** JAPANESE FOR BUSY PEOPLE 4<sup>th</sup> edition I *Publisher:* Kodansha USA

The course book is not a compulsory purchase, an online version and audio of the book is available. Additional materials will also be provided by the tutor in the class.

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*Japanese for Beginners I* introduces you to basic Japanese vocabulary and grammar and gives you a good foundation for further study.

Whether you are interested in travelling in Japan, exploring its rich culture, or simply looking to acquire a new skill, this course is the perfect starting point for your Japanese language journey.

<h3>Overview of Course Contents</h3>	<h3>Course Objective and Target</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the Japanese language</li><li>• Greetings/Countries/Nationalities</li><li>• Occupations/Families/Hobbies</li><li>• Locations/Transportation/Shopping/Holidays</li><li>• Making everyday conversation</li><li>• Expressing opinions on selected topics</li><li>• Recounting events in the past</li><li>• Describing people, places and things</li><li>• Discussing plans for the future</li><li>• Role-playing cultural scenarios</li><li>• Revision and consolidation</li></ul>	<p>This course is aimed at students with no prior experience of Japanese. It focuses on grammar, communication and practices all four skills: writing, reading, listening, and speaking.</p> <p>The lessons enable learners to make rapid improvements in the use of Japanese in day-to-day situations. By the end of this course students should be able to communicate with some simple sentences, read and write <i>Hiragana</i>, <i>Katakana</i> and 100-200 <i>Kanji</i> (Chinese characters). They should also have a general understanding of Japanese culture.</p> <p>The students have the opportunity to take JLPT N4/5 exams or equivalent at RHUL or other colleges of the University of London.</p>